

Baltimore City", creating a juvenile traffic court for Baltimore City that shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over persons under the age of twenty-one years charged with a violation of the motor vehicle laws of the State of Maryland and relating generally to the composition, powers, personnel and duties of the said court, including the probationary and committing powers thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 332 to 336 inclusive be and they are hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition) title "Motor Vehicles" said new sections to follow immediately after Section 331 thereof and to be under a new sub-title "Juvenile Traffic Court of Baltimore City", and to read as follows:

332. There is hereby created a Juvenile Traffic Court of Baltimore City. The said court shall be a part of the now existing Traffic Court of Baltimore City and (except as modified in this sub-title) shall have the same powers and shall be staffed by the same personnel as are now or shall hereafter be provided by law.

333. The jurisdiction of the Juvenile Traffic Court shall be exclusive and original for all persons under the age of twenty-one years who may be charged with a violation of any of the provisions of Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

334. The justices of the Juvenile Traffic Court shall be as designated by the Chief Magistrate of the Traffic Court from among those justices who are now or may hereafter be appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland to serve as justices in the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 305 and 307 of Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

335. In addition to the powers and authority now or which may hereafter be conferred upon the justices of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, the said justices, when sitting as a justice in the Juvenile Traffic Court, shall have the power and authority to grant probation without verdict. and, in any case in which a juvenile is found guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of Article 66½ of the Code, the said justice shall have and possess the power and authority to commit the said juvenile to any public or private institution or agency, as now or hereafter provided by law, instead of imprisonment in the place provided for in the case of offenders generally.

336. This sub-title shall be liberally construed in favor of the State for the purpose of the correction and guidance of juvenile offenders against the motor vehicle laws to the end that proper responsibility of such offenders to the safety of the general public and to themselves may be advanced.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved April 10, 1957.